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ATM to be held Monday

Board approves budget, ATM articles

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE – Selectmen went over the Annual Town Meeting warrant at their meeting Tuesday, approving most articles, which had already been pared down by them at a May meeting.

Before doing that they approved a budget of \$30,153,928, with \$14,332,105 for town services and \$15,821,813 for the schools, including transportation and an assessment for students at Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School in Palmer. Pathfinder will also be returning \$35,000 in transportation money to the town, according to Town Manager Stuart Beckley.

The town side of the budget has been cut by \$500,000 from its original amount, according to Beckley, who developed the budget. He said it was necessary because state revenues are expected to be done, which will mean a reduction in state aid, and local revenues, such as meal taxes, will also be down.

The ATM will be held Monday, June 22, at 6:30 p.m., upstairs in the Town Hall instead of at Ware Junior Senior High School as previously planned.

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Voters say yes to sewer project

Proceeds to Annual Town Meeting

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

HARDWICK – Voters at Hardwick's Town Election Tuesday voted 179 to 63 to allow the town to borrow money and proceed with a plan to to totally revamp the town's wastewater treatment plants and redo a sewer line between Eagle Hill School and Gilbertville.

The project must still be approved at the town's Annual Town Meeting on June 29, at Hardwick Elementary School, to go forward. The town is in the process of working with the USDA on a grant that could pay a large portion of the cost.

There were 257 who turned out for the election, of the town's 1,823 registered voters. There were no contested seats. Assistant Town Clerk Ryan Witkos won a write-in campaign for moderator with 66 votes and was also elected as Town Clerk. Longtime Town Clerk

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FLAG DAY HONORED

with retirement of
AMERICAN FLAGS



Billy McCrystal performed taps in honor of the flags to be retired at the American Legion last Sunday.

More than 3,000 flags respectfully retired

WARE – This past Sunday evening, several local veterans and Boy Scouts gathered at the American Legion Post on Maple Street for the annual Flag Retirement ceremony. Keeping with established guidelines, the event was not public and a limited number of people were allowed to take part.

Members of the Sons of the

American Legion had spent the afternoon, preparing American flags for retirement, loading up four tables with more than 3,000 collected and donated American and military flags, setting up the podium and preparing the oversized fire barrel for the disposal by flame.

Henry Deslaurier, chaplain for AMVETS Post 123, offered a

touching military prayer to open the ceremony.

John Goulette, commander of Earl F. Howe American Legion Post 123, of Ware, then continued with a touching speech about the importance of the annual event.

"On Aug. 3rd, 1949, President

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Members of American Legion Post 123, joined by representatives of VFW Post 2577, AMVETS Post 123 and Boy Scout Scout Troop 281, formed a field of honor to surround the flags about to be retired.



Turley Publications staff photo by Eileen Kennedy

JAC Patrissi, who lead the recent meeting of the Quaboag Hills Community Coalition, also took part in the recent Ware rally to remember victims of police abuse and to support local police. Patrissi had a public health expert talk to the QHCC Monday about how race affects social determinants of health.

Racial bias discussed

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

REGION – The Quaboag Hills Community Coalition heard from Meg Stone, executive director of IMPACT, an abuse prevention and safety training organization in Boston that is embedded within the disability service agency Triangle. Stone also has a master's degree in public health.

She spoke about how race affects social determinants of health and how health care providers are biased in favor of what they already do and know.

JAC Patrissi, who lead the Zoom meeting, said she asked Stone to speak to coalition members to help ground the group in how bias leads to racial disparities in healthcare and other areas.

Stone told members she was asked to do a study by a Boston Medical Center doctor who wanted to find out what would improve outcomes for chronically-ill patients after they were discharged. After determining that patients knew a lot of information about their condition, Stone

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School Committee chooses not to make reductions

Will wait for state budget to make decisions

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE – At its June 10 Zoom meeting, the School Committee could not agree on whether to have School Superintendent Dr. Marlene DiLeo develop potential cuts of 5% or 10% in the School Department's budget. This means

no pink slips will go out to teachers or paraprofessionals by the state-mandated date of June 15.

State law and the Ware Teachers Association contract spell out that any cuts for the following school year should be determined by June 15 so teachers have time to find another job by fall. DiLeo said the WTA did not want to move the June 15 date out to later in the summer. DiLeo said.

DiLeo and School Committee Chairman Aaron Sawabi said the

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It's turtle time



WAREN – It's that time of year, turtles of all kinds are on the move. Peg Gorman said the past week she has seen a lot of turtle activity as they move around, and here is just one of several she has seen traveling through her Keys Road yard.

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Missy Pariseau and Missy Pariseau knew the identity of the four rising seniors in last week's Are you old news? They are Shawn Crevier, Mike Avery, Mike Orzech and Kim Opata.

If anyone recognized the people in this week's photo please send the answer along with your full name to ekennedy@turley.com.

Residents asked to share COVID-19 stories

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Historical Society is asking the citizens of Hardwick to write their stories of how they are coping with the Covid-19 Virus. How have the closing of businesses, work places and schools affected your lives? How are you filling your time with home confinement? Have you been directly affected by the disease? Your stories will be a part of the archive of the Society and will give future readers an idea of how our town survived this event. Writing, photos and other memorabilia are welcome. If you have questions, you may call 413-967-4002. You may mail your stories to the Society at P. O. Box 492, Hardwick, MA 01037 or call to arrange delivery. Since the virus is still a major part of our lives, there is no actual deadline for submission. Sept. 1 is a good target date.

St. Mary's Church holding food sale

WARE — St. Mary's Church in Ware will be holding a Polish Food Sale on Saturday, July 11. Frozen pierogi (\$10 per dozen) were made before COVID-19, golombki (3 for \$10), and kapusta (\$6 per quart) will be available for purchase. Curbside pickup only. Customers will be designated a pick-up time when placing their order. Payment should be exact amount, either check made out to St. Mary's Church, or cash and placed in an envelope with the person's name, phone number and payment amount. Please call Sylvia at 413-436-9268 or Diane at 413-967-5207 to pre-order. All orders must be received by Sunday, July 5. No orders will be taken after July 5, no exceptions. They are following all CDC and Board of Health restrictions and guidelines.

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The Centered Place to celebrate International Yoga Day, June 21

WARREN – To celebrate International Yoga Day on Sunday, June 21, The Centered Place yoga studio is hosting two events open to the public: Introduction to Yoga from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and Introduction to Meditation from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Because of COVID-19 restrictions and concern for safety, the events will be held via Zoom.

International Yoga Day was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in 2014. The bill proposing the declaration had the highest number of co-sponsors ever. International Yoga Day was first celebrated in 2015, and has been celebrated every year since.

Phil Milgrom, who co-directs The Centered Place along with his partner, Nancy Nowak, says: “The UN designated June 21st as International Yoga Day because it is the day (in the northern hemisphere) with the most sunlight. Light and yoga go hand-in-hand, given that yoga is known for its ability to bring to light the best in you.” Milgrom adds: “This is important especially now with the pandemic and social unrest. We all need to be at our best, not just physically but on all levels.”

Milgrom will teach the introductory yoga and meditation sessions on International Yoga Day. The type of yoga being taught is Svaroopa yoga, an easy, gentle, safe and highly effective style of yoga. “We call it ‘Yoga for Every Body,’” Milgrom says.

Each Svaroopa yoga class includes postures, breathing exercises and guided relaxation to release core tensions

along the spine. When the muscles release, the spine lengthens. “Then you feel and stand taller, and you feel so much better,” Milgrom observes.

The introductory meditation session discusses the benefits of meditation in general and introduces Svaroopa Vidya meditation. “Svaroopa Vidya meditation gives you all the benefits of other meditation systems, yet it is simple and easy,” Milgrom said. “It’s not just watching the breath or watching your thoughts. It’s more about quieting your mind so you can experience who you really are at the core. Then you come away with a profound sense of centeredness, inner strength and equanimity. Yes, it’s portable: you can carry that state with you into your life, with your eyes and heart wide open.”

Both events are free, with an optional donation suggested - all proceeds go to Svaroopa Vidya Ashram (www.svaroopa.org), the home of Svaroopa yoga and a spiritual resource for thousands, through free online services and onsite retreats and trainings.

To obtain more information and register for the International Yoga Day classes, or for other classes being offered weekly by The Centered Place, call 413-436-7374 or email info@thecenteredplace.com. For a schedule of weekly classes currently being offered by The Centered Place, see www.thecenteredplace.com/online-yoga-classes. The studio hopes to open its doors again for regular classes, as soon as restrictions are lifted and safety can be assured.

Warren Public Library to start curbside hours on June 23

WARREN The Warren Public Library will be providing curbside pickup beginning Tuesday, June 23. Curbside pickup hours will be from noon to 5 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays. The library is also now accepting returns via the book drop only.

Call the library at 413-436-7690 to order materials, or to use a library card online at bark.cwmars.org. Please be sure to specify Warren Public Library as the pickup library. At this time, only items already in the library are available to be picked up. Staff

will collect the items requested, check them out , and place them in a new paper bag with the patron’s name on it.

When each patron’s items are ready, a staff member will call them to reserve a day and time to pick up the materials. Bags will be placed on the front steps of the library at the designated day/time. If anyone has trouble using the front stairs, the library can make arrangements with them when they call to deliver them to the curb.

The library is receiving new items regularly and looks forward to serving the community once again.

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At a May meeting, the board removed all capital expense items due to expected reduced revenues and uncertainty about the state budget. COVID-19 restrictions kept people home and non-essential businesses closed, decreasing state and local revenues. The capital expense articles cut from the warrant in May will likely be taken up again at Special Town Meeting in the fall.

Selectmen also approved a temporary quorum of 25 due to COVID-19 for this year’s Town Meeting, although there is an article on this year’s Town Meeting warrant to lower the usual quorum of 100, but does not offer a specific number. Selectmen Chairman Alan Whitney said he would not be in favor of a quorum of less than 75, because it wouldn’t be representative of the town.

The warrant includes an article to change the name of the Board of Selectmen to the SelectBoard, to better reflect that both men and women serve on the board, which would have to be done through special legislation at the State House.

Fire Commission proposed

There is also an article to create a Fire Commission to oversee the Fire Department. The commission would be made up of the selectmen. Fire Chief Christopher Gagnon had said in a previous selectmen’s meeting that he did not see the need for one. The selectmen are also members of the Police Commission, which oversees the Police Department.

At Tuesday’s meeting the vote to

approve the Fire Commission article was 4 to 1, with selectman Nancy Talbot voting against it. When asked why she was against it she said there had been no problems with the Fire Department, which caused Whitney and selectmen Keith Kruckas and John Carroll to call out in surprise. “Wake up, you’re in a dream,” Kruckas said. “Or you’re in a nightmare,” said Carroll.

They were referring to the ongoing issue of former Fire Chief Thomas Coulombe, who was demoted after a disciplinary hearing regarding several issues, including allegedly hiring his son, Brian Coulombe, before he was 19. Thomas Coulombe now serves as lieutenant on the Fire Department, and his son was recently terminated from the Fire Department, although the town would not say why.

The Planning Commission has also put forth new zoning regulations around solar energy facilities, which will be voted on by Town Meeting voters.

Charter issue

Article 26 asks voters to allow selectmen to petition the Legislature to change the home rule charter so town employees, whether part-time or full-time, can hold an elected office in Ware. If it passes it would allow those employees already serving in an elected seat to finish out their terms. Kruckas put forth the article, which he said would help selectmen and other boards get business done more efficiently.

“If you think it makes it any easier up here, you’re wrong,” said Kruckas, of having town employees serving on elected town boards. “It ties the hands of this board and

WARE SELECTMEN’S NOTEBOOK

WARE – Ware selectmen John Carroll and Tracy Opalinski were thanked for their service to the town by the other selectmen as they are not running for re-election to their seats. The Town Election will be held on June 29.

At its Tuesday meeting the selectmen approved temporary outdoor dining to Wicked Wings Ware at 136 Pleasant St., Crystal Springs Dairy Bar, at 166 West St. and Hannah Devine’s on Main Street. Wicked Wings will extend its patio seating into its parking lot, Crystal Springs will expand into the shopping center parking lot and Hannah Devine’s will use the All Saints Church rectory driveway and parking lot. Phase 2 of easing the restrictions due to COVID-19 includes restaurants being able to offer outdoor dining to bring diners back while meeting social distancing restrictions that remain in place. Health Director Judy Metcalf said she has been working with local businesses, including restaurants, so they can re-open and meet all requirements necessary due to COVID-19.

Selectmen requested that

Hardwick selectmen and Hardwick Town Administrator Theresa Cofsky attend the next selectmen’s meeting to discuss the town’s agreement to provide ambulance service to Hardwick. The current contract’s end date is June 30, although a 90-day notice is required if either party wish to cancel it. Ware selectmen have expressed concerns that it is costing more than \$60,000 to provide the services to Hardwick, which is what the current contract calls for.

Selectmen approved the Complete Streets Priorities plan, developed by Town Planner Rebekah DeCoursey. It will now be submitted to the state, and Ware can be considered for Complete Streets funding of up to \$400,000 a year if the state approves it.

Selectmen approved an application for a deficit spending request to be submitted to the Department of Revenue as a backup in case Ware’s Annual Town Meeting cannot be held by June. 30. It is currently scheduled to be held on June 22 at Ware Town Hall. The state has asked communities to make the request so if the meetings can’t be held there

aren’t a great deal of requests coming in at the same time.

Selectmen approved a six-month extension to Forefront Solar, which has proposed building a solar energy facility on the former Banas farm and former landfill properties on Robbins Road.

Health Director Judy Metcalf said there are two erosion sites on the ground cover over the landfill, which need to be addressed and because the project has continued beyond what was envisioned, the town has to keep mowing the property at a cost of \$1,300 to \$1,500 a year.

The erosion spots must be addressed per order of the Department of Environmental Protection.

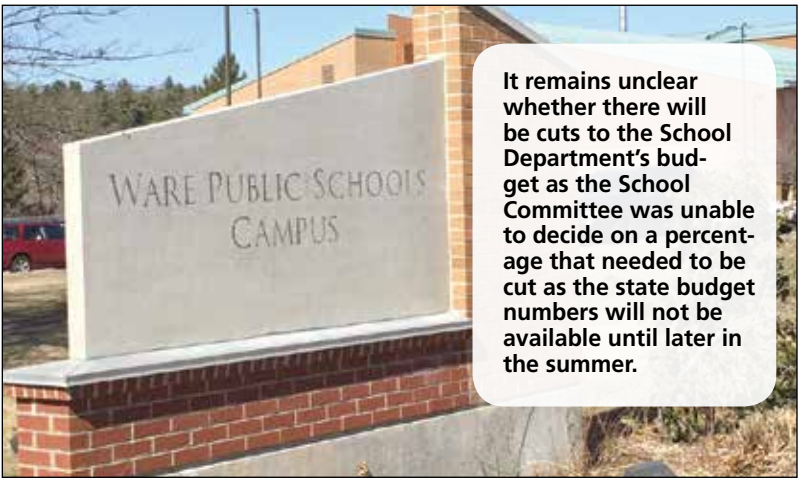
Selectmen included conditions that Forefront has to address the eroded areas and either mow the land or pay the town for mowing it. Forefront leases the property for \$500 a month.

Selectmen appointed Devin Peterson to a three-year term on the Finance Committee.

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School Department’s lawyer recommended making cuts of some kind because the state has made it clear there will be budget cuts, although the budget will not be set until sometime in August. Their lawyer told the School Committee it could be liable if cuts had to be made later on and the teachers had not been informed by June 15. The lawyer also said that the costs related to teachers fighting later cuts could be \$10,000, and possibly higher if there were appeals.

Sawabi made a motion to have DiLeo determine 5% in cuts, but the motion to amend to 10% was unsuccessful with Michael Foran and Christopher Desjardins voting no, Sawabi and Brian Winslow voting yes, and Julie Slattery abstaining as she is married to a Ware Public School employee. The subsequent vote on whether to have DiLeo pursue 5% in cuts did not pass either, with Desjardins and Foran voting against it and Sawabi and Winslow voting in favor of it. Slattery abstained from this vote as well, and three yes votes were necessary for it to pass.



It remains unclear whether there will be cuts to the School Department’s budget as the School Committee was unable to decide on a percentage that needed to be cut as the state budget numbers will not be available until later in the summer.

Since neither vote was successful no letters will be going to teachers by June 15, and if cuts are found to be necessary, they will be made later in the summer when budget numbers are firmer.

Desjardins said making layoffs before knowing what the state budget would include would be bad for morale among teachers and para-professionals. “They’ve turned their careers around in how they have to function and do their job,” he said.

DiLeo told the School Committee members that she has

heard numbers as high as 20% cuts in Chapter 70 education money, but there is no real certainty about what the state budget will look like.

DiLeo did identify 10% worth of cuts in preparation for last week’s meeting that included a reduction in teachers and cuts in the technology and building and grounds budgets, she said.

Town Manager Stuart Beckley, who was also on the Zoom meeting, said he had cut \$225,000 from the School Department’s original level services budget for fiscal 2021.

it’s not fair to the taxpayer.” He said town employees sometimes have to excuse themselves on certain matters making it difficult to get some town business completed.ot

If it were passed by ATM voters, it would have to go on the following Annual Town Election ballot.

Article 23 asks voters to rescind a Special Tax Assessment given to G&G Medical Products LLC to develop a manufacturing facility in the Millyard as the company has allegedly not met the requirements of the agreement.

Grant matches

Also remaining on the warrant are articles asking voters to approve matching funds for a \$50,000 Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund grant for structural improvements to Town Hall, and to determine how to pay for that. Beckley said the Historical Commission has received the grant and the town must come up with matching funds to be able to use it.

There are also articles requesting the town inspect and clean the water storage tanks on Anderson Road and Church Street for \$10,000, and to repair the bridge on Old Belchertown Road. There is also an article asking for approval of \$50,000 to replace a remote water meter data collector, a

data conversion computer software program and to purchase additional water meters.

There is also an article for \$25,000 to match a state Green Communities grant fund, which would be used to make various town buildings more energy efficient.

Dismissed articles

Selectmen voted to dismiss two articles, one to accept Wildflower Drive and Briar Circle as public ways, and one to discontinue a section of Quarry Street. They also dismissed an article that would have provided several thousand dollars to the Brookfield Institute, which helps area veterans and their families.

Among the items on the warrant are the town budget, various articles to allow the town to accept the grants, borrow money and conduct other financial tasks.

The articles put off to the Special Town Meeting in the fall include \$550,000 for a new fire engine, \$55,000 for a new police vehicle, \$175,000 for a payloador for the Department of Public Works, \$66,000 for a new Parks Department truck, \$225,000 for an integrated financial software package, \$38,000 for a School Department front loader tractor and \$15,000 for the Quaboag Connector.

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Paula Roberts will stay on as assistant town clerk and continue her duties as a cemetery commissioner, municipal hearing officer, non-criminal disposition clerk and parking clerk.

Selectman Julie Quink, Assessor Jennifer Kolenda was re-elected assessor, Planning Board member Harry Commerford, Paige Agricultural Fund member Steve Prouty and Paige Memorial Library trustees James Barnes and Jacqueline Easter were all re-elected.

Kathy Hosley won a write-in campaign for assessor with nine votes, Jenna Garvey won a write-in campaign for a Planning Board seat with 21 votes and Emily Cartier won a write-in campaign for a seat on the Quabbin Regional School Committee with seven votes.

Elizabeth Cyran was elected to the Sewer Commissioner for three years and Benjamin Hanson was elected to the Sewer Commissioner for two years. No one was elected to the three-year term on the Board of Health.

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GUEST COLUMN

Domestic violence at higher risk during pandemic

By Mary Kociela
Guest columnist

In the current pandemic, when victims of abuse are more isolated than ever, we are seeing a rise in more serious cases. Although any case of domestic violence is serious, and potentially lethal, there are some behaviors that can indicate a higher risk. One of them is strangulation. According to the Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention, a victim who is strangled by their intimate partner is seven times more likely to be killed by that partner.

Non-fatal strangulation is the act of choking/strangling an intimate partner, not with the intent to kill them, but rather to send the message “I can kill you.” It’s a terrifying means of abuse that happens with much greater frequency than you may think. In fact, in just three months since the start of social isolation practices in mid-March, there have been 18 strangulations reported to our office, and those are just the ones we know about. The number is surely much higher. In some cases, victims experience strangulation over and over at the hands of their partner, rendering them afraid for their life and afraid to call for help.

If you or someone you know is in an abusive relationship and has been the victim of choking/strangulation here’s some information we want you to know.

Strangulation is one of several factors known to increase risk of lethality in an intimate partner relationship. Other abuser high-risk behaviors/factors include threats to kill, access to weapons, particularly a gun, threats of suicide, stalking, animal abuse, child abuse or abuse during pregnancy, escalation of violence, untreated mental health issues and unemployment.

If you have been strangled it’s very important to seek medical attention. Even when there are no signs or symptoms at the time of the incident, symptoms can develop 48 to 72 hours later and can be potentially lethal. Signs to look for can include dizziness or seeing spots, difficulty breathing, unable to swallow, raspy voice, ringing in ears or sore throat. If you can’t seek immediate medical attention call your doctor or ask a trusted adult to observe you for any of the signs listed above.

Strangulation is a felony crime in the state of Massachusetts. Call 911 or your local hotline for assistance with a restraining order or to press criminal charges. The courts are currently closed to the public but you can still access legal assistance over the phone.

Greenfield: 413-774-5533
Orange: 978-544-8277
Belchertown: 413-323-4056
Northampton: 413-584-7400
Calls to hotlines are free and confidential. Advocates can help you think about what to do and work with you to create a safety plan whether or not you choose to leave.

Franklin County, NELCWIT: 413-772-0806; Hampshire County-Safe Passage: 413-586-5066; Llamanos Spanish Language Line: 800-223-5001
Remember you are not alone and help is available.

Mary Kociela is the director of domestic and sexual violence projects for the Northwestern District Attorney’s Office.

What to do about hungry deer and sick lilacs

Let’s take a look into the archives! Both of the following questions came up this past week so perhaps a refresher course on the following topics would be helpful.

Michelle is troubled by deer in her orchard. “My apple trees have been surrounded by cages of four foot fencing since I planted them seven years ago. It has done the trick of keeping the deer away, and now the trees are quite large. My only problem is that the orchard looks unkempt. I almost never get around to cutting the grass that grows within the cages down. Is there some other type of deterrent that I can use to keep the deer from eating my apple trees? If so, I’d be able to take the fencing down and cut the grass fairly close with the lawn mower.”

Deer can sure be a nuisance to apple growers. At work, the perimeter of our orchard is enclosed by a seven foot chain link fence; it is great at keeping the deer out. If cost or aesthetics prohibits you from installing something similar height-wise around your trees, head to the local grocery store or pharmacy and search out the soap aisle. Yes, you read correctly. Deodorant soap, the more fragrant the better, has been proven to scare away deer. According to “Deerproofing Your

Yard & Garden” by Rhonda Massingham Hart (Storey Publishing, \$14.95) use the soap by first drilling a hole through unwrapped bars big enough to pass a piece of cording through, then hang in the trees three feet apart from one another and three to six feet off the ground. You can also unwrap the soap and insert it into nylon stockings then simply tie it in a loose knot around a branch. Either way the smell will permeate the surrounding area enough to keep deer at a distance. Dog hair, as well as human hair, also seem to work as deterrents. Become good friends with the local groomer or hairdresser and collect their droppings, then hang bags of it around the orchard at the height and distance recommended above. Both of these solutions, although not entirely aesthetically pleasing, seem to be better alternatives than the one you presently have.

This question came from Rose who lives in Ware: “My sister-in-law’s lilac has a sick look to it. The new growth is curling, turning brown and eventually dropping from the plant. Do you have any idea what could be causing this?”

Without seeing it I can’t give you an exact diagnosis, but I can guess that it may be either a bacterial blight or a phytophthora fungal

blight. Both are common in wet weather, and we sure have had enough of that this spring. Symptoms of bacterial blight are splotchy leaves that turn brown and eventually die. New growth hangs in a pendulous fashion and flower buds sometimes blacken. Treat by pruning away the infected portion, as well as about six inches of healthy tissue below it. In between cuts sanitize your clippers with rubbing alcohol. Keep the bush pruned to allow good air circulation, and fertilize and lime in early spring. A fertilizer with a higher second number (phosphorus) is recommended. Phytophthora fungal blight has similar symptoms with the addition of brittle leaves and infected mature foliage. Reportedly, white-flowered lilacs are more susceptible. For a definite verdict of your problem and ways to treat it go online to the UMass Amherst’s Plant Problem Diagnostics webpage and follow the directions to send them a sample.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.

ON THE GARDEN



Roberta McQuaid

SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

When should we claim our benefits?

By Russell Gloor
Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: We served overseas for several years, not earning many quarters for Social Security. However, we have made sure that we paid in over time so we can receive a benefit, but it will not amount to much. For the past several years now, we have been back in the U.S. earning some professional salaries. Now it looks like at full retirement age my husband will get \$1,147 a month, and I will get \$1,026 a month. I was born in 1957 and my husband in 1956. My first questions is for the most financial benefit, when should we each start collecting Social Security: either now or at full retirement age? My second question is will our amounts change because we are married and both collecting? *Signed: Overseas Worker*

Dear Overseas Worker: To answer your second question first, no, your benefit amounts will not change because you are married and both collecting. Based upon the numbers you provided, neither of you will be eligible for a “spousal boost” from the other because your benefit amounts at your FRA are too similar, so maximizing your individual benefits should be your goal.

As for your other question, when you should start collecting depends upon a number of factors, including your financial needs and, importantly, your expected longevity. Both of you can get the maximum benefit available to you by waiting until you are 70 years old to claim, but that only makes sense if you are in good health and expect at least average longevity (about 84 for a man and 87 for a woman).

If you claim benefits before you reach your full retirement age (66 ½ for you and 66 plus 4 months for your husband), those benefits will be cut. If you collect now, your benefit would be cut by about 27% and your husband’s by about 22% (based upon your respective years of birth). Further, if you claim before your full retirement ages and continue to work, you’ll be subject to Social Security’s earnings test, which limits the amount you can earn before they take back some of your benefits (the 2020



earnings limit is \$18,240; if you exceed that they’ll take back half of anything you earn over the limit). The earnings limit changes annually but goes away at your FRA.

At your full retirement ages, you’ll be entitled to 100% of the benefits you’ve earned from your lifetime of working (approximately the amounts estimated now). If you can and do wait beyond your full retirement age (FRA), for each month you delay you’ll earn delayed retirement credits of 2/3 of 1% per month of delay (8% per year of delay), up to age 70 when your maximum benefit is reached. As a point of information, if you wait until your full retirement age to claim, you will have collected the same amount of money at age 78 as if you had claimed at age 62; and if you wait until age 70 to claim you’ll have collected the same amount of money at age 82 as if you had collected at your full retirement age. If you live at least until “average” longevity, you’ll collect more in cumulative Social Security benefits by waiting.

So, when should you claim? If you’re still working and earning “professional salaries,”

then waiting at least until your full retirement age would be a wise choice. If you expect at least average longevity and don’t need the money right away, waiting until age 70 would be a prudent strategy. But if you don’t work and expect less than average longevity, then claiming at any time you need the money would be a reasonable decision. This is a choice only each of you can make.

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Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.

IN MY BACKYARD

By Ellenor Downer

A co-worker has a blue-gray gnatcatcher hanging around her yard. It is a small bird about 4 ½ inches long. The male has a black eyebrow during breeding. The female lacks the black eyebrow. Blue-gray gnatcatchers have blue gray upper parts and mostly white below. They have a white eye-ring and cock or flick the tail from side to side.

The female lays three to six pale blue eggs with dark spots in a tiny cup nest. The gnatcatcher makes a nest of plant fibers, down and spider webs with a lining of finer materials. The gnatcatcher, like the ruby-throated hummingbird, covers the outside of the nest with lichens.

Gnatcatchers scratch trees and crevices for insects, their eggs, larvae and spiders. They also catch flies and gnats in midair. They inhabit woods, swamps and areas with shrubs. Their song is a series of grasshopper like buzzy notes and the call is a thin “zeeeee.”

Other birds and squirrels

Besides the blue-gray gnatcatcher the co-worker had a cowbird pair, a northern flicker, a bluebird and of course, hummingbirds.

She said, “I had a banner bird weekend. I can’t remember the last time I saw a flicker.” She said their neighbor cut down some trees in his yard and now she and her husband see more birds in their yard.

She and her husband have been watching a squirrel make her nest in a tree cavity for a couple of months. She said, “This weekend we were treated to three young squirrels exiting the nest and scampering up and down the tree.”

Nesting bluebirds

An Oakham couple has bluebirds nesting in their backyard. Recently, they saw a fledgling bluebird perched on the roof of the special bluebird feeder. Its father was feeding it. They also have five eggs in one of their bluebird houses. They also saw a scarlet tanager, but they have not seen it since the initial sighting.

Pileated woodpecker

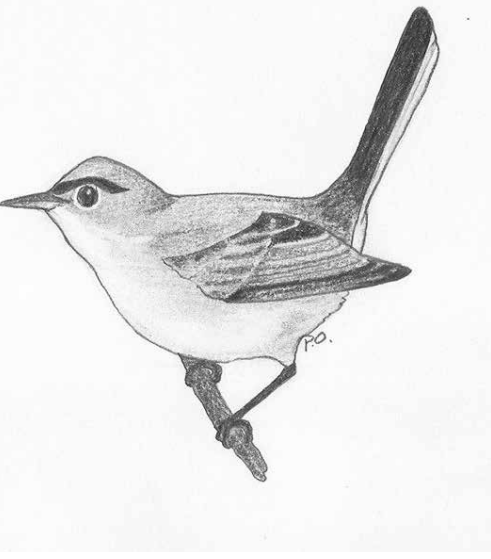
My daughter, Jenny, and family had a pileated woodpecker hammering away on a log

in their yard. They hope it will be a regular visitor.

Nesting bald eagles

Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife) announces it has already documented over 70 active bald eagle nests throughout Massachusetts this spring. MassWildlife has seen a dramatic uptick in newly documented eagle nests this year and has confirmed nine new nests in Fitchburg, Wenham, Concord, Rutland, Wareham, Medford, Northampton, Hudson and Barnstable. The new Barnstable nest marks the first nest with eggs on Cape Cod in 115 years; the last was in Sandwich in 1905. Lake Winnisquam in New Hampshire where I have a camp has a nesting pair of eagles on an island at the southern end of the lake. My camp is at the northern end of the lake.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100 or emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com.



Paula Ouimette, the author’s daughter, drew this male blue-gray gnatcatcher.

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Pathfinder refunds \$100,000 to towns

PALMER – In a continuing effort to assist member towns with current and future budget concerns, the Pathfinder Regional School Committee approved two measures last week that should give the towns a bit of good news. At its June 10 meeting, members voted unanimously for Business Manager Greg Falcone’s recommendation to return \$100,000 of fiscal 2020 funds to the towns in the form of a check for their proportional share: Belchertown \$18,493; Granby \$3,767; Hardwick \$4,795; Monson \$13,186; New Braintree \$1,027; Oakham \$2,568; Palmer \$27,397; Ware \$19,349; and Warren \$9,418.

“While each town’s refund was relatively small, every dollar counts in these uncertain times,” said Pathfinder Superintendent Gerald Paist. He also stated that the School Committee hoped to create a feeling of good will along with the dollars.

In other related business, the committee also unanimously approved a recommendation by Falcone to reduce the fiscal 2021 budget to a zero percent increase. The original increase was 1.8%. Revised assessments forwarded to towns this week were Belchertown \$1,328,386; Granby \$324,887; Hardwick \$298,817; Monson \$1,056,472; New Braintree \$83,330; Oakham \$212,339; Palmer \$1,748,045; Ware \$1,101,679; Warren \$505,612. Several items make up a town’s assessment, but the major component is the number of students from that town at Pathfinder.

“We are still weeks away from knowing how much state aid Pathfinder will receive, but we anticipate a significant reduction,” Paist said. “That may cause us to revise the assessments again.”

Notice to Ware residents regarding water restrictions

WARE – The town is required through its Water Management Act Permit to enact seasonal limits on non-essential outdoor water use. These requirements are to ensure an adequate supply of water for drinking water, to sustain aquatic life in our water bodies and to protect the environment. The Water Department has a choice of instituting these restrictions on an annual basis beginning May 1 each year or based on streamflow triggers in the Ware River. The Water Department has chosen the streamflow triggered approach. We currently need to enact these requirements when the streamflow in the Ware River at the USGS local stream gage at Gibbs Crossing is lower than a predetermined threshold for three consecutive days. The restriction can be lifted when the threshold limit has been exceeded for seven consecutive days.

That condition requiring water use restrictions was met on June 10, thus the town is required to implement these restrictions. There is to be no nonessential outdoor water use from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. effective immediately. This restriction will remain in place until the Ware River is above the threshold for seven consecutive days.

Nonessential outdoor water use shall mean those uses that are not required: for health or safety reasons; by regulation; for the production of food and fiber; for the maintenance of livestock; or to meet the core functions of a business (for example, irrigation by golf courses as necessary to maintain tees and greens, and limited fairway watering, or irrigation by plant nurseries or agricultural operations as necessary to maintain stock or establish new plantings, wash equipment to prevent damage and/or maintain performance, pest management and plant cooling.

Nonessential outdoor water uses that are subject to mandatory restrictions include: irrigation of lawns via sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems; washing of vehicles, except in a commercial car wash or as necessary for operator safety or to prevent damage and/or maintain performance of agricultural or construction vehicles or equipment; and washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways or sidewalks, except as necessary to apply paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement or cement.

All customers of the Ware water system need to comply with these restrictions during these hours. Water can be used for non-essential purposes outside of these hours. Anyone caught ignoring these requirements will be given a warning for the first offense and subsequent offenses will result in actions including fines and water shut offs as permitted by applicable town bylaws and regulations.

Anyone with questions should not hesitate to contact the Ware Water Department at 413-967-9620.

Endicott College announces local dean’s list student

BEVERLY – Endicott College, the first college in the U.S. to require internships of its students, is pleased to announce its spring 2020 dean’s list students. In order to qualify for the dean’s list, a student must obtain a minimum grade point average of 3.5, receive no letter grade below “C,” have no withdrawal grades, and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits for the semester.

Kaelyn Sieger, of Warren, is among those named to the dean’s list at Endicott College for the spring 2020 semester. Sieger is majoring in exercise science and is the daughter of Sonia Sieger and Keith Sieger.

Juried Exhibition of Traditional Realism to be held Sept. 26

WARE – Workshop13 and Northeast Fine Arts have announced their annual juried exhibition of traditional realism will be held on Sept. 26, from 1 to 4 p.m., at Workshop13, 13 Church St.

Online submissions are due Aug. 29, by 9 p.m., with awards in seven categories. There will also be a best of show award, which brings with it \$1,000. The categories include oil, acrylic (including casein and egg tempera), and water color painting, sculpture, drawing/graphics, pastel and mixed media.

The plan for a live exhibit is pending current circumstances. If necessary, the venue may be changed to an all online exhibition.

For more information go online to www.workshop13.org/gallery.

Second Chance low-cost spay/neuter program resumes

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Second Chance Animal Services is taking on many challenges in resuming low-cost spay/neuter at their three nonprofit veterinary hospitals. The popular program that offers pet owners an affordable option to have their pet fixed was put on hold as the COVID-19 pandemic began affecting the region in March, postponing hundreds of appointments indefinitely. As critical supplies became more readily available, Second Chance focused efforts on carefully resuming the program.

The Springfield and Worcester spay/neuter programs have fully resumed in late May, while the North Brookfield program remains limited to accommodate the increased need for emergency surgeries at this time. With some veterinary hospitals still closed or limiting services, Second Chance continues to see twice their normal caseload of emergencies.

Second Chance CEO Sheryl

Blancato wants pet owners to know just how hard Second Chance is working to schedule the backlog of appointments. “We really, really hated to suspend several of our programs like spay/neuter because we know just how much pet owners rely on them, and how important they are to the health of pets in our community. There are currently hundreds of applications awaiting scheduling on top of the rescheduling postponed appointments. We regret the unavoidably long wait. We’re doing everything we can to get caught up as quickly as possible.”

Dedicated staff are calling pet owners in the order their application or message was received. Pet owners who have already submitted an application are encouraged to be patient and make sure their voicemail is able to receive messages. Anyone with an urgent spay/neuter need such as pyometra should call the veterinary care line to see which hospital can assist.

New spay/neuter applications can be submitted at secondchanceanimals.org.

Second Chance is currently working on plans to resume further programs in late June and July. Interested pets owners can watch for future announcements on the nonprofits website and Facebook page.

Second Chance is a nonprofit 501c3 tax exempt organization that began in 1999 in East Brookfield and relies solely on donations from grants to operate. The organization operates an adoption center in East Brookfield, Community Veterinary Hospitals in North Brookfield, Springfield, and Worcester. Second Chance helps over 40,000 pets a year through adoption, spay/neuter, veterinary care, community outreach, educational outreach programs, training, and a pet food pantry. For more information, visit Second Chance’s website at www.secondchanceanimals.org.



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Second Chance Animal Services is taking on many challenges in resuming low-cost spay/neuter, such as these young dogs, at their three nonprofit veterinary hospitals.

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Henry Deslaurier, chaplain for AMVETS Post 123, offered a touching military prayer to open the ceremony.

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Each flag was retired by being placed in the barrel and burned at the American Legion Post last Sunday.

John Goulette, commander of Earl F. Howe American Legion Post 123, of Ware, spoke about the importance of the annual retirement of American flags on Flag Day.

Harry S. Truman, himself a proud Legionnaire, signed into law that June 14th to be Flag Day. This follows a resolution that has been serving this nation since 1777. The Second Continental Congress passing a resolution approving the design of a national flag," said Goulette. He then spoke of the history of our nation's colors. "It is not the wind that moves the nations colors, but the last breath of every veteran who has served this great nation," he said.

Members of American Legion Post 123, joined by representatives of VFW Post 2577, AMVETS Post 123 and Boy Scout Scout Troop 281, formed a field of honor to surround the flags about to be retired. Billy McCrystal performed taps in honor of the flags to be retired.

“This day is one that we feel so honored to be a part of,” said Dan Flynn, Scoutmaster of the local Boy Scout Troop 281. “To see thousands of flags brought each year to the Legion Hall for this purpose really humbles you as a citizen. We normally have the entire troop present but only were asked to provide an Honor Detail of three scouts.”

After the ceremony, for the next hour, veterans and Scouts slowly fed the fire as each flag was gently placed into the barrel.

“The morning after this ceremony, one of the veterans will take up all the grommets from the ashes and they will also be retired” said Flynn. “Every bit of what served us will be retired with respect. We are fortunate to have these dedicated military organizations serving our community.”

During the year, flags can be dropped off to the American Legion Hall. A drop-off bin is located next to the shed for people to leave their flags.

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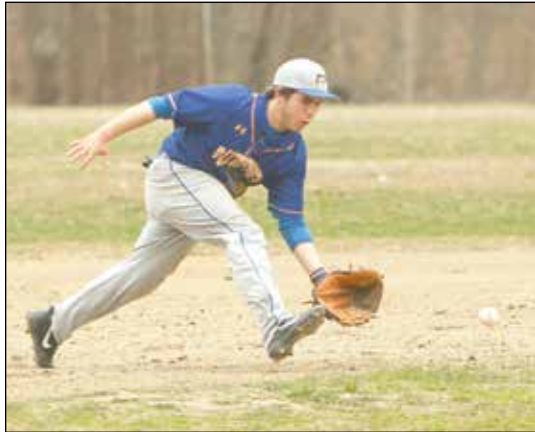


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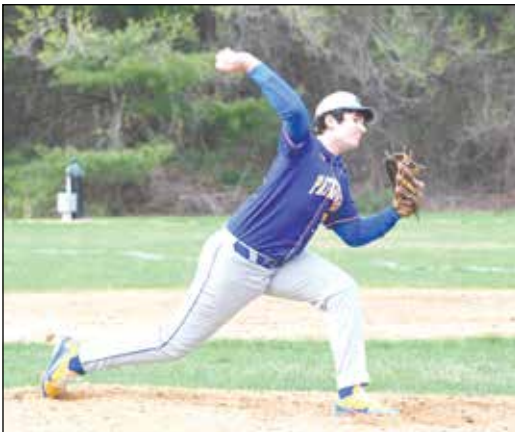
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Mathias Wilke fields a grounder on the run for Pathfinder during action last year.



Dylan Piscioner hurls for the Pioneers against Granby last season.



Nathan Dubois stretches to try and get the out at first base.

Pioneers seniors were ready to take the field

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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PALMER – The Pathfinder Regional High School baseball team had some great talent returning to the lineup this spring. The Pioneers unfortunately did not get an opportunity to show what they had this season.

Coach Phillip Gallo had lots of compliments for his players as he reflected on the season not happening this year.

Isaiha Perez would have been at second once again this year after being tabbed for action last year as a junior. He also was an effective pitcher.

“Isaiha was pressed into being our starting catcher his junior year,” said Gallo. “Even though it was not his natural position he gutted it out for us. Once our starting catcher was able to return Isaiha took over the starting spot at second base. He was exceptional defensively and after starting the season 2-for-24 he raised his average to near .300 by seasons end. Isaiha also pitched very effectively towards the end of the season and was likely to be an effective weapon in our bullpen had we played in 2020.”

Hunter Nicoson had a great season last year and was with the varsity for three years as a starting outfielder.

“Hunter was phenomenal defensively in center and after struggling against varsity pitching his sophomore year he exploded his junior year spending much of the season with an average above .400 earning



Catcher Isaiha Perez dives for the tag at the plate.

All-Western Mass. honorable mention in 2019,” said Gallo. “Hunter always played hard and never left the field with a clean uniform.”

Dylan Piscioner was the ace of the pitching staff as a first-year varsity player last year.

“Dylan loves the game and is one of the more coachable players I had,” said Gallo. “He provided a big bat as our designated hitter his junior year and was poised to be a great asset and leader to our team as a senior.”

Nate Dubois was a middle

infielder for most of his life and stepped up to play first base for the Pioneers. Gallo said he took to the position well.

“Nate stepped up and became a great defensive first baseman where he started all 20 games for us his junior year,” said Gallo. “Nate had a smooth left handed swing that really came around at the end of his junior year and was slated to be the No. 2 hitter in our lineup in 2020.”

Justin Katawicz saw limited varsity action as a pitcher last year and was slated to start in the outfield.

“He was competing to be our starting right fielder in 2020 and would have also been one of our relief pitchers,” said Gallo.

Mathias Wilke made varsity as a junior. He took over at shortstop and had a great glove at the position.

“Mathias earned All-Western Mass. second team honors his junior year,” said Gallo. “Mathias was also an affective weapon on the mound who had a great curveball. Mathias was one of those players you love to have on your team.”

Modified series to return July 4

SEEKONK, Mass. – Tri Track Open Modified Series officials announced on Tuesday the 2020 season opener will take place at Monadnock Speedway on Saturday, July 4. The series will celebrate Independence Day with the first event of the season after a two-month delay due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tri Track has developed a list of strict guidelines to ensure the safety of race teams, drivers, staff and fans. Guidance provided by the state of New Hampshire and local officials, along with CDC recommendations were all used to come up with best practices.

Race teams will receive an email from series officials with a full list of guidelines and event information and are encouraged to contact series officials with questions.

Teams will be restricted to 10 crew members per car, including the driver and car owner, and face coverings are strongly encouraged when social distancing is not possible. Tri track officials will use face coverings. Social distancing protocols will be in place and teams are asked not to enter another competitors pit stall to avoid groups larger than 10.

Fans are allowed at the track due to guidance provided by the state of New Hampshire that allows the track to operate at 50 percent of capacity.

The Tri Track Open Modified Series management realizes that some of the guidelines being imposed are not ideal, but we are working to ensure that the health and safety of competitors, team members, officials, employees and fans is paramount at this time.

“It’s been a long wait to get the season rolling and we’re so happy we are getting back to the track,” Wayne Darling, Managing Partner of the Tri Track Open Modified Series, said. “We are expecting a stout entry list for this event and look forward to getting our season back on track, while making sure we keep everyone safe.”

Names like defending series champion Ronnie Williams, who drives for veteran Gary Casella, former champion Matt Hirschman, nicknamed ‘Money Matt’ and multiple-time series winners Ron Silk and Chase Dowling are expected to be in the list of favorites.

Don’t count out drivers like Matt Swanson, Woody Pitkat, Tommy Barrett, and Mike Willis, among others. The Tri Track Open Modified Series is known for a talent-laden field including some of the top modified drivers in the entire Northeast region.

Monadnock’s event will pay \$6,000 to win, \$3,250 for second and \$2,600 for third. All drivers that qualify for the feature race will take home at least a \$1,000 prize. There have been no changes made to the purse structure following the COVID-19 pandemic.

New for 2020, The Pepsi Challenge begins with heat and consi races paying the winner. Courtesy of Pepsi, each heat and consi will pay \$300 to win, giving drivers every extra incentive to step on the loud pedal during the qualifying races.

Registration for Monadnock remains open at \$150 for just the one event, or \$450 for the entire season. The \$450 amount is only in place for teams that register by the time of entry into Monadnock. Teams that have already registered do not need to register again. Those who have not must visit tritrackmodifieds.com and the team info tab to fill out their registration.

Teams will be asked to contact Michelle at the Monadnock track office at 603-239-4067 with their car number and list of 10 people entering on their crew.

If a team does not have 10 people, just be ready to provide the people you have planning on attending. Teams can pre-order tires at Hoosier Tire East beginning

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Valley Wheel Baseball looking at early July open

REGION – The Valley Wheel Over-30 Baseball League is seeking new players for the upcoming 2020 season. The league is seeking players ages 28 and up. Players turning 28 this year are eligible. However, only players 30 and older can pitch. The league plays 15 regular season games with games being held mostly on Sundays with a couple of weekday games thrown in the mix. However, due to the current circumstances, the league schedule has been pushed back. The league still plans to play its season once bans on gatherings are lifted. The league is projecting tryouts in late June with an early July start to the game schedule. The league is built on comradery, fair play, and having a good time with friends. If interested in trying out, go to www.valleywheelbaseball.com. The rules of the league and new player forms can be found on the site. For further information, you can contact the league’s commissioner, Jim Nason at wheel12@comcast.net or call him at (413) 433-4308. Tryouts will take place as soon as conditions are allowed, but new player applications are still being accepted.

Schedule released for college tip-off tourney

UNCASVILLE, Conn. – The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame announced today the field of teams and brackets for the 2020 Tip-Off Tournament. The annual NCAA men’s exempt tournament sponsored by the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference will take place Saturday, November 21 and Sunday, November 22 at Mohegan Sun Arena in Uncasville, Connecticut. Eight schools will compete in two four-team brackets with campus round games leading up to the Mohegan Sun Arena contests.

Teams scheduled to participate in this year’s Tip-Off Tournament are: University of Central Florida (American Athletic), Marquette University (Big East), University of Minnesota (Big 10), University of Rhode Island (Atlantic 10), University at Albany (America East), Lehigh University (Patriot League), Long Island University (Northeast), and Quinnipiac University (Metro Atlantic).

“The Hall of Fame Tip-Off Tournament has proven to

be one of the best early season events in the country, offering great competition and an outstanding venue,” said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Basketball Hall of Fame. “We look forward to hosting this year’s field of teams and their fans at beautiful Mohegan Sun.”

The Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference will continue to serve as the host conference for the annual event. The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame is also proud to continue its relationship with Learfield IMG College for sponsorship representation of its portfolio of collegiate events.

Ticket information, game times and television broadcast details and will be released at a later date. As the health and safety of the athletes, fans and staff is of the utmost importance, the Basketball Hall of Fame will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation closely in the coming months and provide updates as needed. For more information, please visit www.halloffametipoff.com.

Adult league starts practice

REGION – With Phase 2 of the re-opening plan underway, some adult leagues have started practicing, hoping the timeline will allow games to begin playing shortly after June 30. The Valley Wheel League is currently accepting new players with a 5 to 10 game season planned, depending on how well the re-opening plan goes.



Ken LePage tries to get the out at first.



The Angels’ Gary Perreault, a graduate of Chicopee Comp, makes a throw to first.



Bryan Forest fields a ground ball during a Valley Wheel game last season.



The Valley Wheel League is looking for new players and tryouts are open now.

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Ware Police Log

Friday, June 5
8:45 a.m. Accident, Vehicle West Street – Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000
8:49 a.m. Accident, Vehicle West Street – Services Rendered
8:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Belchertown Road – Citation Issued
10:30 p.m. Disturbance Pulaski Street – Area Searched Negative Find

Saturday, June 6
2:58 a.m. Alarm Burglar South Street – Area Searched Negative Find
3:46 a.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person West Street – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge
Arrest: Gliffaud Gelin, 31, Ware
OUI-Liquor or .08%; License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With, Subsequent Offense; Alcohol in Motor Vehicle, Possess Open Container of; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle
9:48 a.m. Erratic Operator Complaint East Street – Area Searched Negative Find
11:36 a.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person South Street – Services Rendered
12:38 p.m. Erratic Operator Complaint North Street – Area Searched Negative Find
3:11 p.m. Ambulance Request River Road – Services Rendered
4:12 p.m. Ambulance Request River Road – Services Rendered
7:24 p.m. Ambulance Request Pulaski Street – Services Rendered
8:15 p.m. Vandalism Pulaski Street – Investigated, Report Filed
8:16 p.m. Abandoned, 911 Call South Street – Services Rendered
10:22 p.m. Disturbance West Street – Services Rendered

Sunday, June 7
3:59 a.m. Ambulance Request Pulaski Street – Referred to Other Agency
8:30 a.m. Accident, Vehicle West Warren Road – Referred to Other Agency
10:17 a.m. Ambulance Request West Street – Referred to Other Agency
10:35 a.m. Abandoned, 911 Call Palmer Road – Services Rendered
12:40 p.m. Ambulance Request Wildflower Drive – Services Rendered
1:17 p.m. Alarm Burglar North Street – False Alarm
3:50 p.m. Erratic Operator Complaint Vernon Street – Services Rendered
4:31 p.m. Disturbance Otis Avenue – Services Rendered
4:39 p.m. Neighbor Dispute Eddy Street – Services Rendered
6:07 p.m. Disturbance West

Street – Area Searched Negative Find
6:09 p.m. Ambulance Request Church Street – Referred to Other Agency
6:34 p.m. Harassment Complaint North Street – Investigation Pending
8 p.m. Disturbance Beaver Lake Road – Services Rendered
8:22 p.m. Ambulance Request West Street – Services Rendered
8:29 p.m. Abandoned, 911 Call Church Street – Services Rendered
9:12 p.m. Ambulance Request Hillside Village – Services Rendered
9:55 p.m. Ambulance Request Morse Avenue – Referred to Other Agency

Monday, June 8
5:49 a.m. Alarm Fire South Street – Services Rendered
6:12 a.m. Alarm Burglar West Street – Services Rendered
8:54 a.m. Erratic Operator Complaint Gilbertville Road – False Alarm
9:33 a.m. Abandoned, 911 Call Cummings Street – Services Rendered
11:06 a.m. Fraud Coldbrook Drive – Services Rendered
12:03 p.m. Fraud Fisherdict Road – Services Rendered
1:15 p.m. Larceny, Theft Report Palmer Road – Investigation Pending
2:37 p.m. Fraud Meadow Road – Services Rendered
5:21 p.m. Alarm Burglar Bank Street – False Alarm
5:59 p.m. Burglary/Breaking and Entering Bank Street – Unfounded Complaint
6:56 p.m. Erratic Operator Complaint Main Street – Area Searched Negative Find
8:55 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Main Street – Criminal Complaint Issued
10:24 p.m. Ambulance Request Hillside Village – Referred to Other agency
11:04 p.m. Ambulance Request Hillside Village – Services Rendered

Tuesday, June 9
1:48 a.m. Alarm Fire South Street – No Police Service Necessary
3:40 a.m. Alarm Fire South Street – Referred to Other Agency
5:49 a.m. Hang-up, 911 Call Gareau Avenue – Area Searched Negative Find
11:18 a.m. Larceny, Theft Report Vernon Street – Investigation Pending
1:03 p.m. Arrest Church Street – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge
Arrest: Mark W. Greenwood, 39, Ware
Disorderly Conduct

1:50 p.m. Ambulance Request Old Belchertown Road – Services Rendered
2:39 p.m. Ambulance Request Old Poor Farm Road – Services Rendered
3:31 p.m. Parking Complaint Church Street – Citation Issued
6:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Belchertown Road – Citation Issued
6:28 p.m. Ambulance Request Horseshoe Circle – Referred to Other Agency
8:21 p.m. Erratic Operator Complaint North Street – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge
Arrest: Maxim A. Charles, 42, Turners Falls
OUI-Liquor or .08%; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Marked Lanes Violation

Wednesday, June 10
8:38 a.m. Abandoned, 911 Call West Street – Services Rendered
12:40 p.m. Ambulance Request Old Belchertown Road – Services Rendered
2:33 p.m. Ambulance Request Highland Village – Services Rendered
2:38 p.m. Harassment Complaint North Street – Referred to Other Agency
4:26 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person North Street – Area Searched Negative Find
4:30 p.m. Ambulance Request Malboeuf Road – Referred to Other Agency

Thursday, June 11
1:20 a.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Laurel Drive - Area Searched Negative Find
11:20 a.m. Fraud Milner Street – Services Rendered
1:30 p.m. James Road – Services Rendered
1:58 p.m. Accident, Vehicle Old Belchertown Road – Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000
1:59 p.m. Accident, Vehicle Old Belchertown Road – Services Rendered
3:37 p.m. Abandoned, 911 Call West Main Street – Services Rendered
5:44 p.m. Officer Wanted North Street – Arrest on Warrant
6:25 p.m. Neighbor Dispute West Street – Arrest on Warrant
7:06 p.m. Accident (Hit and Run) North Street – Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000
11:28 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Park Street – Area Searched Negative Find

Friday, June 12
7:41 a.m. Vandalism Monson Turnpike Road – Services Rendered

Hardwick Police Log

Monday, June 8
12:02 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Church Lane – Transported to Hospital
1:44 p.m. Phone – Forgery/ Fraud Jackson Road – Report Taken

Tuesday, June 9
3:36 a.m. Phone – Welfare Check Hardwick Road – Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, June 10
9:15 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Main Street – Transported to Hospital
9:48 a.m. 911 – Animal Call Greenwich Road – Services Rendered
2:21 p.m. Initiated – Larceny/ Theft/Shoplifting Patrill Hollow Road – Officer Handled
2:34 p.m. 911 – 911/Hang-up Call Hardwick Road – Officer Handled
2:59 p.m. Initiated – Trespass Lower Road – Spoken To
9:35 p.m. 911 – Motor Vehicle Accident Jackson Road – Arrest(s) Made

Thursday, June 11
6:21 a.m. 911 – Medical

Emergency North Road – Transported to Hospital
9:30 a.m. 911 – 911 Misdia Prouty Road – Dispatch Handled
10:02 a.m. Phone – Medical Emergency Main Street – Services Rendered
12:30 p.m. 911 – Complaint Church Lane – Officer Handled
5:04 p.m. 911 – Motor Vehicle Accident With Injury Prouty Road – Transported to Hospital
8:10 p.m. 911 – Neighbor Dispute Hardwick Road – Investigated

Friday, June 12
11:56 a.m. 911 – 911/Hang-up Call Prospect Street – Spoken To
7:58 p.m. 911 – Disturbance North Street – Transported to Hospital
11:29 p.m. Phone – Medical Emergency Church Lane – Transported to Hospital

Saturday, June 13
2:45 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency North Road – Transported to Hospital
5:19 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Czesky Road – Transported to Hospital

Warren Police Log

Sunday, May 31
1:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Suspicious East Road – Negative Contact
4:28 p.m. Fire, Appliance Fire Main Street – Investigated
7:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning

Monday, June 1
3:07 a.m. Motor Vehicle Suspicious Main Street – Area Search Negative
9:06 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued
Summons: Erin E. Przybycien, 31, West Warren
Uninsured Motor Vehicle; Registration Revoked, Operate Motor Vehicle With
9:39 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Main Street – Confirmed Misdial
12:58 p.m. Fire, Automatic Fire Alarm Mechanic Street – Investigated
3:14 p.m. Neighbor Dispute Southbridge Road – Officer Spoke to Party
Summons: Amanda Gilcreast, 29, Warren
Assault and Battery
3:16 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Southbridge Road – Ambulance Signed Refusal
5:06 p.m. Vandalism Pine Street – Report Filed

Tuesday, June 2
1:53 a.m. Disturbance, Person(s) Main Street – Officer Spoke to Party
3:54 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Spring Street – Ambulance Signed Refusal
5:54 p.m. Assault Summer Street – Report Filed
7:30 p.m. Disturbance, Person(s) North Street – Report Filed
9:28 p.m. Fire, Motor Vehicle Old West Warren Road – Transported to Hospital
Summons: Mark J. Butler, 25, Warren
Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; OUI-Liquor or .08%; Marked Lanes Violation; Destruction of Property -\$1,200, Wanton c266 §127

Wednesday, June 3
7:08 a.m. Illegal Dumping Dunham Road – Report Filed
11:38 a.m. Fraud Burbank Avenue – Investigated
12:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Erratic Washington Street – Information Taken
7:10 p.m. Disturbance, Noise Complaint Main Street – Report Filed

Thursday, June 4
11:24 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Yankee Drummer Drive – Transported to Hospital
6:24 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent West Brookfield – Referred to Other Agency
9:23 p.m. Disturbance, Noise Complaint Southbridge Road – Negative Contact
10:36 p.m. 911 Hang-up/ Misdial/Abandoned/Silent Maple Street – Confirmed Misdial

Friday, June 5
8:16 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Prospect Street – Confirmed Misdial
2:21 p.m. Fraud Southbridge Road – Officer Advised
3:05 p.m. Fraud Winthrop Terrace – Report Filed
3:29 p.m. Fraud Maple Street – Officer Spoke to Party
3:37 p.m. Recreational Vehicle Complaint Bemis Road – Negative Contact
4:49 p.m. Fraud Boston Post Road – Officer Spoke to Party
7:44 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Quaboag Street

New Braintree Police Log

Monday, June 8
10:55 a.m. Phone –Safety Hazard Oakham Road – Taken/ Referred to Other Agency
9:19 p.m. Phone – Complaint Rail Trail – Spoken To

Wednesday, June 10
3:44 p.m. Initiated – Animal Call Prouty Road – Services Rendered

Friday, June 12
4:03 p.m. 911 – 911 Misdial Sibley Road – Investigated

Saturday, June 13
8:21 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Hardwick Road – Citation Issued

– Confirmed Misdial
8:42 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Brook Road – Services Rendered
8:44 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Brook Road – Transported to Hospital
10:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Suspicious Old West Brookfield Road – Citation Issued
10:16 p.m. Disturbance, Noise Complaint Dean Street – Peace Restored

Saturday, June 6
8:51 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Winthrop Terrace – Transported to Hospital
8:53 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Boston Post Road – Confirmed Misdial
10:07 a.m. Fraud Milton O. Fountain Way – Officer Spoke to Party
11:20 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency East Road – Ambulance Signed Refusal
1:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Hit and Run East Road – Information Taken
1:25 p.m. Illegal Dumping Cottage Street – Services Rendered
1:25 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Old West Brookfield Road – Transported to Hospital
3:15 p.m. Fire, Mutual Aid Fire Coy Hill Road – Located/Found
7:34 p.m. Trespassing South Street – Officer Spoke to Party
7:45 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Old West Warren Road – Ambulance Signed Refusal
9:36 p.m. Suspicious Activity South Street – Investigated
10 p.m. 911 Transfer Brimfield – Call Transferred

Sunday, June 7
12:07 a.m. Disturbance, Noise Complaint Maple Street – Officer Spoke to Party
1:39 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Southbridge Road – No Action Required
5:44 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Winthrop Terrace – Transported to Hospital
8:56 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Palmer Race Track – Ambulance Signed Refusal
11:09 a.m. Fire, Illegal Burn Quaboag Street – Fire Extinguished
12:07 p.m. Suspicious Activity Bemis Road – Officer Spoke to Party
2:29 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Reed Street – Information Taken
2:52 p.m. Welfare Check Winthrop Terrace – Ambulance Signed Refusal
9:03 p.m. Suspicious Activity Old West Brookfield Road – Negative Contact

Monday, June 8
3:37 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Winthrop Terrace – Transported to Hospital
7:46 a.m. Vandalism South Street – Investigation (On-Going)
10:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Erratic Washington Street – Verbal Warning
1:24 p.m. Fire, Brush Ware Road – Fire Extinguished
2:26 p.m. Suspicious Activity Main Street – Officer Advised

Tuesday, June 9
1:42 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Winthrop Terrace – Transported to Hospital
4:22 a.m. Missing Person Pleasant Street – Investigation (On-Going)
3:26 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Winthrop Terrace – Ambulance Signed Refusal
7:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Erratic Main Street – Investigated
7:20 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Unknown – Negative Contact

12:08 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Citation Issued
1:47 p.m. Phone – Complaint/ Motor Vehicle Operations Dennis Whitney Road – Negative Contact
2:29 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Barre Road – Transported to Hospital
7:37 p.m. Phone – Complaint/ Motor Vehicle Operations Bernard Whitney Road – Officer Handled
9:59 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Bernard Whitney Road – Citation Issued

Sunday, June 14
7:20 a.m. 911 – Lockout Pierce Road – Services Rendered

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Wednesday, June 10
5:46 a.m. Motor Vehicle Theft Crouch Road – Officer Spoke to Party
7:59 a.m. Property Damage Main Street – Report Filed
11:25 a.m. 911 Hang-up/ Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Southbridge Road – Negative Contact
1:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Criminal Complaint
4:16 p.m. Disturbance, Noise Complaint Liberty Street – Negative Contact
8:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued
8:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Erratic Coy Hill Road – No Action Required
9:59 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent South Street – Negative Contact

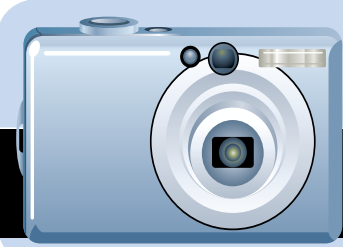
Thursday, June 11
6:55 a.m. Harassment Burbank Avenue – Officer Advised
11:07 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Main Street – No Fire Service Necessary
11:13 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Brimfield Road – Transported to Hospital
4:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Erratic Lombard Street – Officer Spoke to Party

Friday, June 12
9:23 a.m. Fraud Forest Avenue – Officer Took Call
10:32 a.m. Fraud Milton O. Fountain Way – Services Rendered
1:50 p.m. Disturbance, Person(s) Ware Road – Negative Contact
1:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Suspicious Reed Street – Negative Contact
3:33 p.m. Fire, Illegal Burn Carpenter Street – Fire Extinguished
6:03 p.m. Neighbor Dispute Brimfield Road – Criminal Complaint
Summons: James M. Kordek, 73, Warren
Assault with Dangerous Weapon
9:43 p.m. Threats Main Street – Officer Spoke to Party

Saturday, June 13
2:09 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Nelligan Terrace – Ambulance Signed Refusal
10:48 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Street – Written Warning
12:01 p.m. 911 Hang-up/ Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Ware Road – Services Rendered
12:34 p.m. Recreational Vehicle Complaint Manning Road – Officer Spoke to Party
1:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Erratic Brook Road – Negative Contact
3:17 p.m. Threats Moore Avenue – Investigation (On-Going)
4:48 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Mass Pike – Negative Contact
5:25 p.m. Disturbance, Motor Vehicle Couture Drive – Officer Spoke to Party

Special Town Meeting scheduled for June 24

NEW BRAINTREE – There will be a Special Town Meeting on Wednesday, June 24, at 7 p.m. in the New Braintree Town Hall. The Annual Town Meeting will be postponed until a date to be determined.



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obituaries

Irene L. Balicki

PALMER – Irene L. (Roy) Balicki, passed away peacefully in her home, surrounded by family, on Monday, June 8, 2020. She was 92 years old. Irene was born on Aug. 12, 1927, in Ware. She was the daughter of Antonio and Ethel (Hagman) Roy. She was the second eldest daughter in her family of six. Irene met Edward A. Balicki in Ware, and they became long-time sweethearts. While Edward would soon enlist to defend our country in World War II, Irene fulfilled her duty supporting our troops and nation by working at J.T. Woods, a boot factory, making essential supplies. Upon Edward’s return, they were reunited and started their life-long journey together, getting married on Jan. 27, 1951, and raising four children: Peter, Phillip (“Chipper”), Michael and Petra.



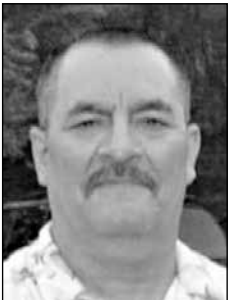
Together, Irene and Edward established their family business, Balicki Auto Body Inc. and built their home on Bacon Road where they lived out their own American Dream together for 62 years. During those years, Irene watched her family grow to 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild: Antonio, Jade, Christopher, Sarah, Michael, Michaela, Olivia, Camden, Caleb, Gabriel, Ruby, Tallulah and her great-grandson, Graham. She was better known to them as “Daddum,” “Dobbin” and “Gram.” As the family matriarch, she was always overjoyed at having any number of her family members stop by for an impromptu visit to say hello and catch up on life. Irene’s family could always count on her to lend an ear and provide comfort, love and wisdom when they needed it most, or even when it was just to share a moment of Irene’s contagious laughter together. She was a great cook and selflessly cared for her entire family always making sure no one left her home hungry. Irene looked forward to the simple joys of life by spending as much time as she could with her family; from endless car rides and shopping trips, to playing lively and spirited card games of Pokeno and Rummy.

She is survived by her four children, her son, Peter Balicki, and partner, Lisl Donaldson, her son, Chipper, and his wife, Cheryl Balicki, her son, Michael, and his wife, Maura Balicki, and her daughter, Petra, and her husband, Greg Longtine. As per her wishes, funeral services will be private. Cebula Funeral Home of Ware has been entrusted with the final arrangements.

Irene was cherished by each of her family members. She was the heart of the family and will be missed dearly. Though she has passed, her memories and values of sacrificial and unconditional love will live on for generations to come. We love you Irene, Daddum, Dobbin Gram but above all, Mom. For more information and online guest book, please visit www.cebulafuneralhome.com.

Carlos E. Bermudez

WARE – Carlos E. Bermudez, 68, of Ware, died on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, at his home, after a long illness, surrounded by his loving family.



He leaves his four children; Malinda K. Mathieson, of West Brookfield, Laura L. Bermudez, of Maine, Rachaul M. Bermudez, of Florida, Moses C. Bermudez, of West Brookfield, and two step-daughters, Diana and Selina; his eight grandchildren, Adam, Zahiara, Zakaila, Lexie, Logan, Leah, Lillie and Lani; three step-granddaughters, Alina, Bella and Ava; and five great-grandchildren; four siblings in El Salvador, Jorge Bermudez, Marta Bermudez, Laura Bermudez and Matilde Bermudez; five siblings in California, Hector Bermudez, Jesus Bermudez, Victoria Black, Douglas Bermudez and Marta Vall. He also leaves many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Carlos was predeceased by his wife, Josefa “Mary Jo” Castillo, a sister, Vilma Bermudez, his son-in-law, Shayne A. Mathieson, his daughter-in-law, Sara M. Bermudez, his three grandchildren, Madison, James and Michael, and his step-father, Jose Fernandez,

whom he loved and respected. He was born in Izalco, El Salvador, son of the late Moises and Marta H. Bermudez.

Carlos came to the United States when he was 17. His father enrolled him into trade school to become a machinist, where he learned to speak English as well. He worked at Heco Pacific for many years before starting a family and moving to Massachusetts. He landed a job at Warren Pumps where he worked as a valued machinist for 36 years before retiring in 2018. He was a great friend and mentor to many he worked with. Carlos also served in the Army National Guard and was a proud United States citizen.

Carlos was a loving and devoted husband, father, Papa, Bampi and Leto as he was called. His love of his home country showed through in his playing of congas. He played with the Big Band out of Ludlow, Dunny’s in East Brookfield as well as many other venues. He was often called “Carlos Santana.”

He was a proud member of Alcoholics Anonymous, where he served as a sponsor for many individuals whom looked toward him

Senate unanimously passes elections bill

Addresses voting safety concerns during COVID-19

BOSTON – The Massachusetts State Senate on Tuesday unanimously passed legislation to expand voter access and address safety for all remaining 2020 elections, including the Sept. 1, state primary and Nov. 3, general election, in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The bill, An Act relative to voting options in response to COVID-19, would, for the first time in state history, give all eligible residents the opportunity to vote early for the state primary and general election, allow residents to vote-by-mail, and expand absentee ballot access.

State Sen. Anne M. Gobi, D-Spencer, voted in favor of the bill and had this to say on its passage today, “Every vote is important and every voter and election workers is important too, and this bill is a great step in ensuring accessibility and maintaining safety protocols during this most unusual voting cycle,” she said. “I especially appreciate all the input of my town clerks to make this a strong bill as well as all they do everyday to ensure the integrity of elections and helping to make voting easy and accessible.”

The bill does the following:
Implements an early vote-by-mail system: An application to receive an early voting ballot will be mailed to all registered voters by July 15. The Secretary will then mail another application for the general election in the voter booklet

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found that they couldn’t always do what doctors recommended due to their environment such as eating a better diet with fresh fruit vegetables if they lived in a food desert with no supermarkets nearby, or if they needed to take pain pills but were only allowed a three-day supply of medication from their pharmacies. She pointed out that low-income people of color had restrictions put upon them that middle and upper-income white people did not.

“We found that poverty and lack of social supports were much bigger problems,” she said, rather than patients not understanding their conditions.

After finding that these patients did not know about resources they could tap into to improve their health and lives,

she recommended that patients be discharged with lists of resources with contact numbers. However, the doctor chose to redo discharge brochures with the print in larger type and information about primary and specialty doctors with their photos, names and contact information.

Stone said the situation was an example of confirmation bias, which means a person will give more weight to information that supports their existing beliefs.

She also pointed out that racial disparities became even more apparent during COVID-19, when many more white people could do their jobs from home and black workers often must do their work in person if they are cleaners or grocery store workers, where they can repeatedly come in contact with the virus.

Patrissi said she attended

Stone said

She also said that in a study done by the Harvard School of Public Health and the U.S. Census Bureau, it was found that communities differed widely on their life expectancy based on income and race. She said New Bedford’s life expectancy was 68-years-old, while Newton’s was 94, showing that a low-income community with many minorities has poorer health than a well-to-do community that was predominantly white.

Patrissi said it was important for members, many of whom are on the ground providing a variety of social services, to consider and acknowledge systemic racism that is built into society and so, the healthcare system.

Community rally

Patrissi said she attended

Normand A. Dube

WARE – Normand A. Dube, 85, of Ware, died on Sunday, June 7, 2020, at Willimansett Center West – Chicopee, after a long illness. He was born in St. Hermenegilde, Quebec on Sept. 18, 1934, the twelfth of 13 children of the late Antoine and Agnes (Godbout) Dube.



He leaves his loving wife, Cecile (Valade) Dube, of Ware; his daughter, Nancy Swett, and her husband, James, of Hardwick; his son, Richard Dube, of Ware; and his step-daughter, Johanne Laroche, and her husband, Guy, of Quebec; four grandchildren, Alyssa Chaves, and her husband, Alex, Sean Swett, Marie-Eve Laroche and Sebastien Laroche.

He is survived by two brothers and two sisters, Ferrier (Florine) Dube, Adrienne Sage and Yolande Laroche, all of Quebec, and Rodolphe Dube, of Springfield, as well as many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by four brothers and four sisters, Leopold Dube, Laurier Dube, Sylvio Dube, Claude Dube, Laurina Audet, Fabiola Bennett, Annette Sideleau and Lilliane Salois.

Normand was a member of Local Union 108, of Springfield, the Knights of Columbus, of Ware, and the Aspen St. Rod and Gun Club, of Ware.

Death notices

Balicki, Irene L. (Roy)

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Bermudez, Carlos E.

Died June 9, 2020
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Dube, Normand A.

Died June 7, 2020
Private graveside service
Mount Carmel Cemetery
Ware

of Columbus, of Ware, and the Aspen St. Rod and Gun Club, of Ware.

He was a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather. He enjoyed going deep sea and ice fishing, woodworking, making stained-glass lamps and other beautiful items, and traveling to Canada to visit his family.

A private graveside service for Normand will be held in Mount Carmel Cemetery in Ware. Memorial donations may be made to the Ware Senior Center, 1 Robbins Road, Ware, MA, 01082, make check payable to the Town of Ware with Senior Center on the memo line.

Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., in Ware is assisting his family with arrangements.

An online guest book is available at charbonneauafh.com.

Tri-Parish Community Church news

HARDWICK / NEW BRAintree — Tri-Parish Community Church services are still on hold due to COVID-19 pandemic. When services resume, they will be at the Trinitarian Congregational Church (Stone Church) in Gilbertville through August.

Update on the Mustard Seed
Typically, a small group of volunteers meet in the New Braintree Town Hall kitchen the third Monday each month to prepare a meal for the Mustard Seed and Jeremiah’s Inn in Worcester.

This effort has been put on hold for the last few months due to COVID-19 concerns. It is their intent to resume meal preparations in June by asking volunteers to each prepare 10 bag lunches at home. The lunch will consist of a sandwich, piece of fruit and a dessert. These bag lunches will then be delivered to Worcester. The details will be solidified in the next few weeks.

Hardwick Farmers Market
The Hardwick Farmers Market will open Sunday, June 21, on the Hardwick Common.

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Hardwick Recycling Center re-opens

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Recycling Commission and staff announced the Hardwick Recycling Center reopened on June 10, and will be open during its regular hours: Wednesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon.

The services at the center will be limited to the following: mixed paper/cardboard, comingle (tin cans/plastic) and glass food and beverage bottles.

The center is not accepting redemption bottles and cans at this time. However, they can be recycled in the appropriate comingle or glass compactor/container listed above.

The compactor area is located at the top section of the center. In an effort to maintain mandatory safety standards for the workplace and the public, the following protocol will be used:

Patrons must wear a mask.
Patrons must remain in their vehicle until signaled by the staff to pull forward and unload.

Patrons must enter the compactor ramp one person at a time and remain there until staff has confirmed that the items are acceptable.

Staff is not allowed to remove or place any items into patrons’ cars.

If patrons need assistance in unloading their vehicle they should make arrangements to have someone accompany them to help.

The center’s staff thanks everyone for their patience as they work through this together. They want everyone to be assured that they take the safety of the staff and patrons very seriously. It has established a COVID-19 control plan for the Recycling Center that meets the requirements of the state mandatory safety standards that rare in line with the Centers for Disease Control.

Staff asks that patrons help in these efforts by wearing a face mask and maintaining social distance.


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ning immediately by calling Dan at 860-646-9646.

The schedule for the day includes pits opening at 9 a.m., practice starting at 12 p.m., heats starting at 4 p.m. and the feature to follow qualifying. Support divisions will be announced soon. There will be no drivers meeting on race day – teams will be provided a handout with updated race procedures upon entry.


Series officials anticipate the remainder of the 2020 schedule will remain in place. A stop at Star Speedway on Saturday, July 25, is scheduled for the annual SBM 125, followed by another date at Monadnock on August 15. Seekonk Speedway’s rescheduled Open Wheel Wednesday for August 26 and the Haunted Hundred on October 24 will wrap the schedule.

For more information on Monadnock Speedway, visit the track at monadnockspeedway.com. For more information on the Tri Track Open Modified Series, visit tritracckmodifieds.com and follow the series on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for the latest updates.



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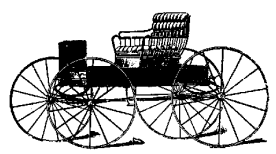
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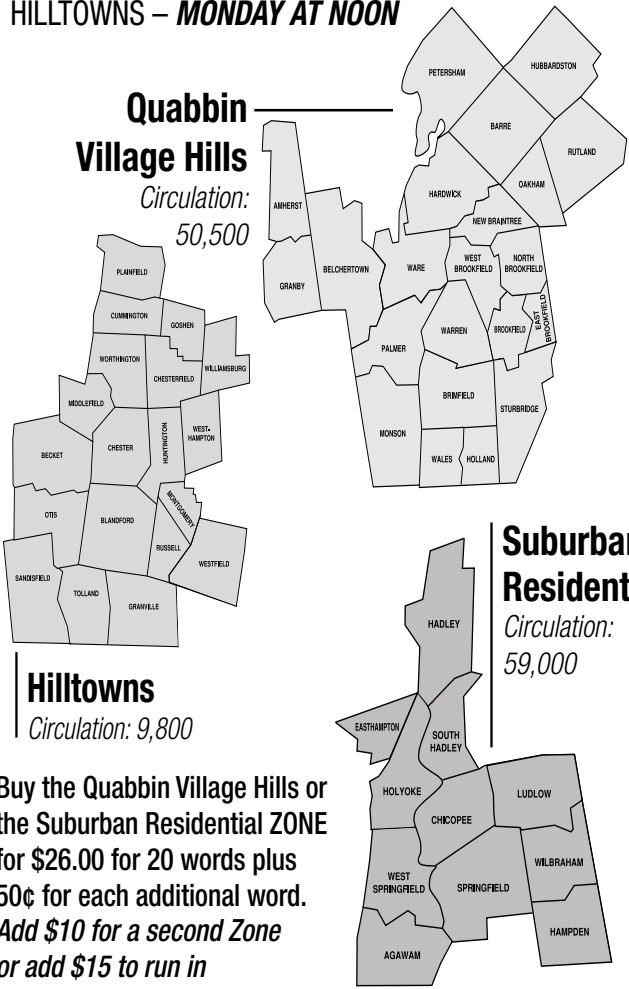
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